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To Sir Lovelock

MYSORE COMMISSION

No. 552
29-8-29

To
Major Hill

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed Copy of the Chief Commrs: Prog: No: 2434-36/425 dated 25th: Instant, regarding the formation of a Coffee District, I have the honor to request the favor of your early opinion on the subject after consulting with the Manjarabad Planters, who will be affected by the proposed transfer.--

I have &c:

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Nowgong District.

To The Commissioner
Nowgong Division.

Dated 23d
Despatched September.
Received

Enclosures No. one.

General No.
No. 646.

Offers certain observations on the proposal of the formation of a Separate Coffee District at Chichimoglur as Head Quarters.

Returned
Well herewith
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Coffee Districts

From Seoul Korea Dec 7 95
" " " 8-12 "
S. Anderson Esq
Banquier Français

Dated "
Desp'd 5 Octobre

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Dec "

Annexes copies of opinions received regarding the formation of a Coffee District, and states that the remaining opinions will be forwarded as soon as they are received. —

and 4th, the general interests of Government.

Firstly on the general question, I beg to remark that the business transactions of European Coffee Planters do not necessitate their frequent attendance at District Head Quarters, and if their reasonable request for Honorary Magistrate to be selected from among themselves be complied with, such occasions for attendance will become still fewer. General questions affecting the whole body of Planters are of still rarer occurrence, and their disposal cannot be materially affected by the position of the District Head-Quarters. It has to be borne in mind that the same difficulty in fixing upon suitable Head Quarters is experienced by the Planters themselves in Wynaad and Coorg. As there, so in Mysore, the land in which the Coffee Estates are situated forms a narrow belt stretching about 100 miles South to North, and is divided into three distinct parts: Manjarabad with its chief town at Hassan; the Baba budan Hills with its chief town at Chikmaglur drawing its labor from Hassan; and the new Coffee District of Koppa, drawing its supplies and labor from Shemoga. Thus it may be seen that after all

general questions are definitely settled, the three sets of Planters will continue to have separate local interests. The division in interest is still more marked in the case of the natives. The Govdas of Manjarabad are an entirely different class of people from the Lubbays of Chikmaglúr and the Brahmins of Koppa.

2ndly. Independent of the previous question, it was originally contemplated by the authorities to abolish the small District of Kadúr and to divide the five Taluks composing it between Shimoga and Kapan. This plan was regarded as most feasible, since it was understood that an European Assistant Commissioner with powers similar to those of a Sub-Collector and who would be subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner of Kapan, should be stationed at Chikmaglúr for the Coffee interests in the vicinity. Simultaneously the Mysore Coffee Planters Association started a movement in favor of including all the tracts of land embracing their estates into one District, suggesting Chikmaglúr as the Head-Quarters from its being the Coffee mart and most centrically situated. The proposal to make Chikmaglúr subordinate

the climate of Hassan is all that can be desired both for the European and Native constitution. It has the advantage of being well drained, having good house accommodation, and a good water supply. It has the large rice mart of Alur only 7 miles from it, and will undoubtedly increase in importance on being connected by the proposed line of rail with Mysore and Mangalore.

On the last point I would urge that the reduction of a District will result in a pecuniary saving to Government. The measure will further facilitate the abolition of a Taluk, as if Kamhalli be joined to Banawar the whole Taluk may be attached to Hassan as formerly; Belur, which is much nearer, being made over to the charge of the Assistant Commissioner at Chikmaglur circle. The simple circumstance of Talukes in which Coffee is not planted forming part of the District does not, I submit, necessarily detract from the efficient discharge of public business, while it meets the interests and convenience of the Natives of the important Talukes to the South and East, from which labor and supplies for the Coffee Estates are now

drawn. The District Guard with the Talaths
of Attikuppa and Nagamangala added,
will not be so large as to be beyond
the Supervision of one Officer aided by
an European Assistant at Chitnaglúr,
and a Native Assistant as hitherto
at Kikkere - Under these circumstances
I consider that the interests of Govern-
ment and the general Community
will be best promoted by an adherence
to the original plan, which commends
itself for adoption in preference to one
that subsequently advanced -.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

J. Bell
Dy Commissioner
Kopaum District

Mano.

The climate of Chikuaglia has always been regarded as unhealthy -

This evidently is due to proximity to the jungle that skirts the town on its west and South western aspects, as also to the presence of large paddy flats to which may be added the force of the bleak N. E. winds which while they prevail renders the situation raw and uncomfortable, thus acting as exciting causes to the development of fever -

The known Malarious atmosphere need not be wondered at, for situated as Chikuaglia is, only removed from the heavy jungle-Country by a few miles (3 or 4 if I remember correctly), its climate is exactly similar to the adjoining feverish tracts. I believe this is one reason why European Planters have not, as at Hapan, either built or purchased houses. The European Planters whom I have spoken to, are unanimous in their disapproval of the place as a residence, or as one Gentleman put it, that if precipitated to go to Chikuaglia he would not stay there a moment longer than he could help, he would be ready to start back to his jungle residence as soon as the work he came about was concluded. The reply is significant, and to my mind implies

al Chikmaglúr is in point of fact more
unhealthy than the Coffee plantations in
themselves; one point however I am clear
on, i.e. that as a residence Chikmaglúr is
most unpopular and will never be any
thing else in the future for Europeans. I am
not sufficiently informed as to its geological
formation, but possibly there may be present
an additional cause in the production
of malarious fever, some peculiarity of this
nature exclusive of the existing auxiliary
factors in the presence of extensive paddy flats,
and as in the great Ganjetic valley where
rice is extensively grown, fever and cholera
have been reported to be most severe and
persistent, similar causes may possibly
be operating here.

I believe I am correct in saying
that no European Officer who has been
in Chikmaglúr ever felt any pain or regret
at being removed from the place, and
his chance had to leave it from sickness.
It was always considered a sort of Siberia,
but this is not so great an objection as the
known unhealthy character of the climate.

The effect of such a climate on the
European Constitution is apparent. Admit-
ted its unhealthiness it follows that
effects will to a greater or less extent

manifest themselves in time. Malarious fever means spleen also, and a train of low depressing feeling which utterly unfits for the performance of daily duties.

A European district Officer from the nature of his duties is obliged to be travelling about his district for many months during the year, he is therefore exposed to the varied influences of the tract of country he travels over, and in a district like Chikmaglúr or Hasan the fair inference would be that being thus exposed to causes that tend to the development of disease, he very soon comes under its influence. Such being the case I venture to ask what more desirable boon to an Officer than to be able to return to a Head Quarters comparatively or entirely free from all malarial influence, where he is enabled to shake off his infirmities and so to work again with better spirits and Constitution.

Chikmaglúr is clearly within the malarial zone, and therefore offers no advantage over the adjoining country. I referred to the Hasan district as being malarious also. This statement is true, but Hasan itself is healthy, it is far removed (about 18 miles) from jungly country.

nother in fact than Bangalore is from
he malarious tracts about Kankanhalli
nd Magadi, and therefore affords equal
dvantages as Bangalore as a sanitarium.

Planters and their families from
he Kadur District come to Hagan for a
hange and always go away feeling
erfectly recruited. They by no chance
o Chikmagalur, and similarly the Planters
Koppa and Sauntoor invariably go
Shimoga in preference to Chikmagalur
lthough the distance is further.

With reference to the effect of
he climate of Chikmagalur on the health
Native Officials, there is no doubt
ut that they also suffer to a very
onsiderable extent; but I am not
repared to say to the same extent
s Europeans.

I refer chiefly to the after effects
f fever. Perhaps they do not take
he disease as quickly as Europeans,
ut the depressing effects wear off
more quickly and their convalescence
progresses more rapidly.

Mysore as a whole has always
been considered feverish. The natural
condition therefore goes a long way
towards producing acclimatization

in the natives of the Country, and therefore presumably with the advantage of producing a better state of Constitution to withstand the inroads of malarial influence.

In the European the effects of fever are so clear that there is no mistaking them. It always carries its depressing influence over a longer period than in natives, shewing to my view that the born Mysorian is far better able to cope with the special disease under consideration than the European.

I have been informed that the drinking water was tested some years ago, and found to contain much organic matter.

It only remains here for me to notice that in a health point of view, in the case of planters, they will do well to pre continue to come to Hapan when sick, as experience has taught them the immense advantage of Climatic influence in the cure of disease.

Signed W. J. Lawson.
Civil Surgeon
Hapan dist.

Hapan.
13th Sept: 1873.

"Copy"

Mill
Deputy Commissioner

Copy of Letter No 87
from Hon. Mr Colvile
to Lieut Col Dick
7-10-79.

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Colonel Dick

Deputy Commissioner

Thassan District

Sir,

In reference to your not

Daily circulated two /2/ sealed

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of the Chief C

ceedings in regard to the found

of a Coffee Destrict & have the hon

to annex Copies of Minutes &

received. The remaining Minu

will be forwarded as soon as th

are received.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient Servt

G. [illegible]

e of a purely personal nature that I am
ost decidedly in favor of Hassan.
Several members of our body have married
ver the full conviction that in the future
s in the past a medical Officer would be posted
Hassan & that his Services & Knowledge
ould be within easy access. If so disposed
e will be cautioned to drive out
ies of families from us as soon Should naturally
estate to allow them to remain here without the
means of bringing them, or taking them to, a
Doctor in cases of emergency & thus do away
with any intention of becoming permanent
Settlers. I cannot see that any good or
sufficient reason has been advanced for
depriving us of the advantages we have
hitherto enjoyed for such a long period

Nassau is more convenient to one than
Inagua but as a Sanitarium for Invalids
generally has much the advantage of the latter
which is an important consideration regarding
the health of the Western Commissioners
& Clerks - besides the economy in
not having to build additional Government
offices should the head quarters be removed
to Inagua & the likelihood of the having
one being laid to Nassau with the consequent
advantages to be derived therefrom

Signed C. Sawler.

Nassau although not central is on account of
Climate & buildings the most suitable place
for Head Quarters

Signed J. Bullam Stephard.

The only grounds that I can argue on

the District of many of a contrary nature that others with better Statistics & means of information (of which I have but too superficial a knowledge to enter into details) will doubtless draw attention to.

Signed/ Arthur Jaspe

Spoor Sept 29/79.

Of Residents of Mungerabad the advantages of Hassan as the Head Quarters of the Deputy Commissioner as compared with Chickmuglor are indisputable. 1st The distance is less. 2nd The climate & change as agreeable Hassan is generally looked upon as an unhealthy Sanitarium but who ever heard of any one going for the Mungloor for benefit of his health. After 22 years residence in Mysore having only seen the Mungloor once I have no desire to see it again.

like Thassan I always found my opinion
cordially during the rains. For much appears
to made I Deposition of Chief Rumphoor
being more central for the Chiefs of Wee Langs
It is true that the Estates to the North
ict to Chief Rumphoor as much as belongs
residents of that part being attracted more
wards their head centre Shemoga and body
business but pleasure I cannot but
R the present arrangements are well suited
meet the requirements of all.

Signed / J. S. Maddelow

Cadamcauy 16th 1879.

It appears true that the consideration of
cubrality is very small as compared with
ealth & distance. For my own part I should
prefer Head Quarters to remain where they are
being the healthier Station & most convenient
to all interests & purposes

Signed / Frank Urquhart

Bobenhally
5 Oct 1879.

True Copies

question of the proposed
Head Quarters of the
Coffee District.

V. Srinivasachariar

for Dy Commissioner
Hassan Dist

Ref. and return
well
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18 Rec'd No. 705
16-10-79

From The Dy Commissioner Hassan District
To The Commissioner
Dated } Ash Division
Despatched } 8th October 1879
Received }

Enclosures No. Two.

General No. 1879-80.
No. 701

With reference to this office letter No. 646 of the 23rd Ultimo, has the honor to forward in original a letter from Mr. Graham Anderson annexing copies of opinions of some of the European Planters in this District on the

1879

From The Dr Commissioner
Japan district

To The Commissioner

Dated Yokohama 20th

Despatched October

Received

Enclosures No. Two

General No. 713. } 1879-80.
No.

In continuation of this
Office docket No. 701
dated 8th Inst, has
the honor to submit
a further letter in
original from Rev. Gobles
forwarding the opinion
of Rev Edwin Arnot in
regard to the Headquarters
for the proposed College &c.

J. Mill
Dr Commissioner

Regt. and
Memo -
21 Nov

BYSTORE COMMISSION

Dargan. Munzerabad 10 Octobr

Colonel Hill

Depy Commissioner

Hassan District

Sir,

I have the honor to forward

another opinion in regard to

the Selection of Head Quarters

for the Coorg Coffee District

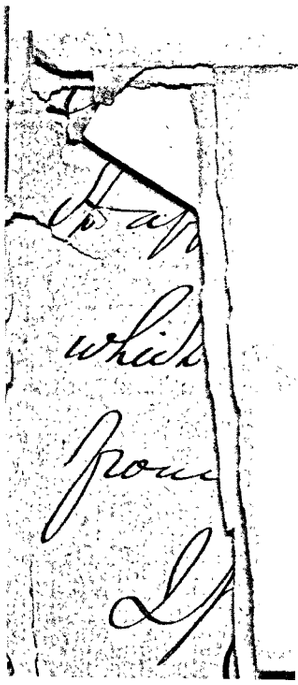
The remainder will follow in

due course

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most Obedt Humble Servt

Geo. Cameron



Coffee District

Genl Regr. No. 840
17.10.79.

1879.

From Gen: Anderson Esqr.
Bangui
Mohanadad.
Dated 10th October 1879

E. 1
No —

Forwards copy of opinion received from Mr. E. Grant in regard to the selection of Sites Suitable for the proposed Coffee District.

"No matter which of the three towns Shimoga
Hassan or Chickmagalore is made the
Head Quarters, they will each of them be
Equally inconvenient to some Planters
Therefore Army must the present arrangement
cannot be improved but far as Convenience
is concerned are suited to the requirements of
the parties. In my opinion as far as Convenience
is concerned of army over personal comfort
in particular has a number of advantages which
entitle it to the first place as the Head Quarters
of a Coffee District, not the least of which are
the change to a healthy climate, the accommodation
it affords in the shape of a number of Bungalows
which are at times available but be very inaccessible
from Coffee planted at all seasons of the year
If Chickmagalore were made the Head

quarters I should not object if I could
avoid it, but under any circumstances
I should go to Hassan, if merely for the
sake of the change.

Signed / Edwin Hunt

Carradi Bettu Oct 9/79

Copy
Jas. Anderson

Kelapoor Estate
20th October 1879

The Commissioner
Ashtagram Division

Sir

I have the honor now, with reference to your No 557 of the 29th August, to inform you that at a meeting of this Association held at Chickmopolor on the 13th instant the following resolution was adopted

Resolution " That when this Association "asked to have all Planting Salary included "under one Deputy Commissioner, it was under "the impression that all European Officials "were to be shortly eliminated from the Mysore "Commission; but that so long as two European "Deputy Commissioners are left in the Kudoor "and Nassau Districts, with equal powers, equal "facilities & the same number each of Government "Officers to assist them; this Association desires "no change"

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
W. Clapherson
Honorary Secretary

quarters I should not object if I could

. . . . .

Reg No 56
27-10-19
Post and returns
by train

1879 No 710

From The Dy. Commissioner
Kaira Division

To The Commissioner
Ashtagram Division

Dated

Despatched Camp Mysore 27th October 1879.

Received

Enclosures No one

General No.

No. 721 } 1879-80.

This Office docketed No 713 of the 20th Instant regarding the proposed Stand Warder of the Ogee District.

In continuation of the above I have the honor to submit, in original, further opinions of the Ogee Islanders on the subject.

Dy. Commissioner
Kaira Division

MYSORE COMMISSION

Narquui. 15 October 1877

Colonel Isle

Deputy Commissioner

Hassan District.

Sir,

From some and Known cause
the copy of the Sub Commissioner's
Proceedings in regard to the proposa
formation of a Coffee District &
to which numerous residents in my
neibourhood annexed their opinions
has been delayed while being circulated
for the expression of the opinion of
other residents in Mangalore about
Considering the importance
of the subject I venture to annex

statement which contains the purport of
marks made by me on the spare
sets circulated with the memorandum.
I will lose no time in writing to
the inquiries about the papers
question.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
Gen. Anderson

to Express my opinion in regard to the proposed arrangements for forming a Coffee District by grouping the Mutual Interests of Western Nigeria together.

The subject is a most important one & I feel sure everyone will join in Expressing thanks to Mr Gordon for his kindness in making such careful enquiries before sanctioning the introduction of any new arrangement.

The suggestion that Ibadan should be made the defacto Head Quarters of the Coffee District originally emanated from the Association at a time when the most alarming rumours of the entire elimination of the European element from the Commission received general credence.

was naturally considered of
paramount importance that those
tooRs in which the manbody of Europeans
ide & carried on an important industry
e Coffee culture should be watched over
European officers.
Which however I may fairly say
th the measure as proposed by the
ouation was a step towards pro-
ng the vested interests of the European
mmunity in the Mukwa from what
then considered an imminent
ger I was in no way intended to
ey an idea that the interests or
emence of the residents in all the
ee Talooks would be better guarded
proved them when each head
tre was the residence of a British
ier. A desire for the conservation

of the united interests of the planting
community alone suggested the idea
but it was certainly not contempla
that the formation of a new District
would entail the sacrifice of valuable
conveniences hitherto enjoyed.

Doubtless the Mahomedan must be
prepared to bear a fair share of the
inconvenience consequent on a
reduction of establishments which is
to take place in every department
throughout the Province, but I feel
one most respectfully hope the Chief
Commissioner will graciously speedily
the danger & public convenience
which would inevitably result from
the removal of Government
Officers from such important centres
as Hassan, Chickmagloor & Shimoga

these stations admirably selected
former days are the recognized
ses of supplies for hunger-crushed
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ould leave the plantung community
neral public much under same
osition as an army with its
mmunications cut off.

The trait of Mulnad which produces
Free in this Province is neither com-
act nor regular, but extends like
zone or band from the confines
Coorg in the South to the head of
igger in the north. This zone
ries greatly in width in the different
lots it traverses, in some places
stituting a predominating feature
others narrowing sometimes
four but never to less than

of an otherwise grain-producing tra

It would therefore indeed be a most
difficult problem to formulate any
actual territorial re-arrangement of
Labour so as to secure for Ireland the
without both endangering the welfare
& convenience of European & indige
inhabitants of the marginal portions of
such a District. Such an arrangem
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of existing Establishments could als
be successfully introduced associat
with an improvement of the local
communications. I cannot venture to
suggest any plan which would
harmonize with the convenience
of the general population & the urgen
of a Government suffering from a

spent on a Famine which has
ested its affairs & seriously
overished its subjects. One portion
the community would have to suffer
the common weal & although it
R. behoves us from securing
actions of Government further
by advancing our respective
lective claims to indulgence &
sideration, I venture most
estly to deprecate the introduction
any Change which would sacrifice
ssau the convenience of every
dent in Nungerunbund. Could it
e been arranged to have accorded
Coffee affairs a species of
unnistratue autonomy conducted
an officer invested with full
ensteried powers thereof Jurisdic-

over all cases connected with peculiar
interests presiding over a separate
department precisely as the Famine
Commissioner performed his duties all
Revision or redistribution of Talookas would
have been unnecessary. Such an officer
could have resided at any central
Station have periodically visited the
various Talookas of the Mahwad & would
have been essentially a Police Commissioner
but when the centralization of Police
interests necessitates the execution of all
Magisterial, Judicial, Treasury & Police
work before Officer the inconvenience
which would result by selecting any one
Station as Head Quarters is readily
apprehended. If Chuckrumpore be
chosen both Nugger & Mungrowlee
will suffer & I am certain no Ship will

prominent in the prosperity of our
ingle station could compensate for
e inconvenience which will be
ferred by the majority of the residents
ale the more remote portions of the new
istrict. Planters are certainly not
ed of attending Law Courts, but the
re idea of being detained for even a
hit Rumghore on business is a
fficient reason for every Mungeruhad
n boats for Thabsan, more especially
e now find that long before the Ad-
nation expressed and opinion, Govern-
nt had contemplated a plan
forming every large District with
ssan as Head Quarters under the
rge of a 1st Class Deputy Commissioner
t a Resident European Assistant
Commissioner at Rumghore.

Hassan has always been considered a Sanitarium but certainly cannot be said of Munglore by even its most strenuous supporters. Doubtless Munglore is a most superlative town, but it is actually in the Mulnad & subject to heavy rainfall which renders it a most unenjoyable place to dwell in the monsoon. A resident Surgeon has only recently been deputed to Hassan which situated in the Mulnad is favored with every climatic requisite for indicating speedy convalescence in all cases of malarial disorders so common in the Mulnad. I therefore most earnestly hope that Mr. Gordon may graciously realize that the only wish of the inhabitants of the Mulnad is to obtain an extension of peculiar individual consideration

with a view of increasing that development
of general prosperity which the Coffee
districts are undoubtedly susceptible
of. As long as European officers are
stationed at Hassan & Chikmagloor
they will enjoy good facilities there can be
no cause of complaint & I sincerely hope
Mr. Gordon may generously arrange
a continuance of the present admirable
arrangements & will in no way sanction
any arrangement prejudicial to Hassan
& the inhabitants of Mangalore.

Yrs. Sincerely

For Self & Mrs. & Mrs. R. A. Anderson

While agreeing with all Mr Anderson has said I wish to add that I was in England last year when this question was under the consideration of the Mysore Planters Association or I should then have strongly urged the undesirability of making Chickmunglore Head Quarters of the Coffee District - Hassan being favorably situated in the Maidaun Country is an acknowledged Sanatarium, while on the other hand Chickmunglore is undoubtedly a very unhealthy place - No European would go to the last mentioned station with the expectation of deriving any benefit to his health, and even Natives regard a visit there with the greatest aversion, considering it as sure to entail an attack of fever. The great distance of Chickmunglore from most parts of Immuzerabad - in some instances the journey would occupy three days - is also a strong reason against its being made Head Quarters - Extreme inconvenience would undoubtedly result both to the Europeans and Natives of this District, should such an arrangement be carried out - I therefore most respectfully trust Mr Gordon will graciously permit Hassan to remain in the same relation to Immuzerabad as at present -

Brooke Mockett -

for self, Mrs Mockett, Mrs Jupp. Mr Walker & Mr Galy.

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Hussan being only a distance of 30 miles from me & Chunnagur about 80 miles it is evident that the former place will be more convenient for me to go to in the event of my having any business to transact with the Dep.t Commissioner. I have always heard that Chunnagur described as a most unhealthy place but as in Dec.r the Dep.t Commissioner would have a good deal to say to the Hauting Commun. I would be only fair that his Head Quarters should be in a healthy station like Hassan.

Signed/ J. Thompson
Thoroughly Estate
Oct 17

Copy
Gn.r Cunningham

Coffee 1879.

From

To Graham Anderson Esq
Bargae -

Dated 15th
Despatched } October
Received

Enclosures No. /

General No. "
Govt Regd No. 905 } 1879-80

30-10-79

Forwards further opinions of the Coffee Planters regarding the formation of a Coffee District -

Regt. and return
Well
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WAR OFFICE CONFIDENTIAL

1879 Rec'd 2nd Dec 79

From The Dy. Commissioner
Travancore District.

To The Commissioner
Aashtagram Division

Dated

Despatched Camp Bibia 29th Oct. 1879

Received

Enclosures No one

General No.

No. 722 } 1879. 80.

This Office docketed No. 721 of the 27th Instant regarding the proposed Head Quarter of the Coffee District.

In continuation of the above, has the honor to forward further opinions of the Coffee Planters on the subject

Dy. Commissioner
Travancore District

The Suggestion that all Coffee producing Talookas be grouped together & formed into one Coffee District originally emanated from the Association at a time when the most alarming ill-defined rumours of the Entire elimination of the European element from the Country prevailed. It was considered naturally of paramount importance that those Talookas in which the main body of Europeans ~~were engaged~~ should be under European supervision & control

The Coffee culture should be watched over & administered by a European Officer

The tract of country which produces Coffee is confined to Western Malnaad Talookas & is neither compact nor regular but extends like a zone or band from the confines of Coorg on the South to the land of Nuggur in the North. This zone

varies greatly in width in the different Talook
It traverses; in some places constituting the
predominating feature & in others arranging
so much as to form but mere fractional parts
the otherwise entirely grain-producing tracts
certain This therefore one of the most difficult problems
ever to make any territorial re-arrangement of
the Talooks without endangering the
interests & convenience of the numbers of both
the European & indigenous inhabitants
I cannot now venture to suggest any
which would harmonize with the convenience
of the general population the exigencies of a
Government suffering from a severe financial
derangement consequent on an unprecedented
Famine. One portion of the community must
suffer for the benefit of the common weal
& return it behoves us to explain from the
the hands of Government further than by
advancing our respective claims to candid
consideration. Could it have been arranged

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ducted by an Officer invested with full
storical powers having jurisdiction
all cases connected with Office affa
aining interests in the various Talooks
esiding over a separate department
cisely in the same way as the Famine
mmissioner performed his duties; all reason
vise distribution of Talooks would have
unnecessary; but I beg to say that
ing to the absence of ~~many~~ many enabled
from the country last season, this propo
ion did not meet with the concurrence
e majority of the members of the Association.
I already acknowledge that under
peculiar circumstances of the case that
Rampoor is decidedly the most
ral station for a Office District if
owever is left out of consideration

Quarters can be selected without causing
great inconvenience to the residents in all
the marginal portions of the said District.
Nassau has always been considered a
most desirable Sanitarium & such can
certainly with be said of Chickamauga by
even its most strenuous supporters.
A resident Surgeon has only recently been
graciously deputed to Nassau & sooner than
lose his invaluable services in that Station
where every climatic requisite is known to
exist for favouring speedy convalescence &
I am sure every Unprejudiced man would with
his claims for participation in any of the
other benefits calculated to accrue from groups
the Coffee Islands. So long as Chickamauga
& Nassau are administered by such deservedly
respected Officers as Mr Lacey & Colonel Tidwell
& such places enjoy facilities for the speculations
of Magisterial, Judicial, Treasury & Police
work I should certainly say that there can
never be any cause for complaint & however
matter little if the de facto Head Quarters

best book in regard to climate & accessibility.
I for one therefore most sincerely trust
that some other plan may be adopted as
indeed it is found necessary to upset the
present admirable arrangements as I am
sure that the Sacrifice of Nassau under
the circumstances would be a grave source
of inconvenience both to the residents in
Jamaica and the other flourishing Islands
of that District. I most earnestly
trust therefore that the Chief Commissioner
will graciously deem it fit to arrange
for a continuance of European Superin-
tendence at both stations. I write under
the circumstances sanction any
change in the present admirable arrange-
ments until the finances of the country
are in a state to admit of the introduction

& guarantee of a system of administration which will be so accurately conducted & arranged as to afford undoubted facilities for all sections of the Community in the Mulnaad.

Jas: Anderson.

pro/ R. A. Anderson
W^m Anderson
F. I. C. Goldsworthy

I beg most emphatically to second all that has been so well urged in the foregoing paper by M^r Anderson, and I would further represent,

That the fact of Chickmunglore being situate so very far from the greater portion of the Munzerabad Taluk renders its substitution for Hassan most undesirable - In fact both the Europeans and Natives of this Taluk would suffer extreme inconvenience from the Head Quarters of the District being removed to such a distance -

That the favorable situation of Hassan has made it a place of resort for Planters and their families who are in ill health - It is in short, the sanatarium of Munzerabad, its climate having, as is well known, a most beneficial effect on those suffering from complaints contracted in the Mulnaad - Chickmunglore on the other hand is unquestionably an exceedingly unhealthy place - No European would go there with the expectation of deriving any benefit from the climate, altho he might be compelled to do so for the sake of obtaining Medical advice - The Natives in my neighbourhood are so firmly convinced of the unhealthiness of Chickmunglore that they never travel there unless absolutely obliged, they consider a visit to that place quite certain to entail an attack of fever, as a consequence - Being

convinced that the interests of both the European
native residents in Munzeabad would be injuriously
ted by the incorporation of that Taluk with Chickmunglore
nestly reiterate Mr Anderson's petition that the Chief
missioner will be graciously pleased to let Hassan
Chickmunglore remain separate Districts, each under
ron European Deputy Commissioner as at present, and
ld Mr Gordon deem it advisable to make one of these Districts
ordinate to the other, then I submit that Hassan should
selected for Head Quarters - a position to which its climate,
cation, and accessibility, certainly entitle it -

Broome Mockett -

undersigned do most cordially agree with all that has been
id by Mr Anderson and Mr Mockett

Marion Mockett

Clements Lewis.

F. Jaliffe

We much pleasure in assuring to every thing that
has said by Mr Anderson & Mr Mockett

Alexr Wilson

General No. 387
Revenue No. 132

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Athlagram Dt. Commr.s Office.
Mysore 13th November 1879.

To

The Revenue Secretary, to the
Chief-Commissioner of
Mysore.

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Chief-Commissioner, the papers marginally noted, which refer to the proposals contained in the Chief Commr.s Proceedings No. 2434-36/R. 425 of 25th August 1879, relating to the formation of a separate Distt. comprising the Coffee growing Taloks.

2. In modification of the first proposal which was to form into a single Coffee Tract the greater part of the Hassan and Kadur Districts, the Chief Commr. suggested that Chickmuglur be made the Coffee District, comprising the Taloks of Manjarabad, Belur, Chickmuglur, Mudgere, Koppa, Lucknoovalli, Tirthalli and Banavar with Head Quarters at Chickmuglur, and that Hassan be formed into a minor District, consisting of the Taloks of Arkalgud, Narsipur, Nagamangala, Attibelle, Channarayapatna and Hassan (the Harihalli Talook being abolished) with the Head Quarters

* Correspondence with Deputy Commr. Hassan District
Letter from Honorary Secretary Planters Association, Dt. 20th Oct. 1879.
Opinion obtained from the majority of the Planters in Manjarabad.

arters for the present at Hassan.

The Deputy-Commissioner of Hassan considers that no single point would be selected, which would be central and convenient for all Planters, as the Coffee tract stretches in a long and narrow belt of nearly 100 miles in length, with three well established centres of business and trade - Shimoga, Chickmaglur and Hassan, and therefore advocates the scheme originally contemplated, namely, to abolish the small District of Kadur, and divide the 5 Talooks, composing it between Shimoga & Hassan; a European Assistant-Commissioner with enlarged powers, subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner Hassan, being stationed at Chickmaglur.

From the Letter of the Honorary Secretary, Planters Association, dated 20th October, it appears that a meeting of the Association was held at Chickmaglur on the 13th, and the following Resolution was adopted.

"That, when this association asked to have all planting Talooks included under the Deputy-Commissioner, it was under the impression that all European Officials were to be shortly eliminated from the Mysore Commission; but that so long as

two

two European Deputy Commissioners are left in the Gádúr and Nassau Districts with equal powers - Equal facilities, and the same number Each of Government Officers to assist them the Association desires no change."

It cannot be said that the Resolution in any way assists the Chief Commissioner to form an opinion on the question, as there never could be any doubt of the fact that the present arrangement of two Districts Each, with a European Deputy-Commissioner and full Establishment was admirably suited to the Planters interests whereas the Chief Commissioner's proposals, as I understand them, had in view the possibility of circumstances only admitting of one European Deputy-Commissioner being retained, and were intended chiefly to benefit the European Planters, by Consolidating the Coffee Talooks in a single District under that Officer.

The Deputy-Commissioner, as well as Mr. G. Anderson, are no doubt right in saying that no single point can be pitched on which would be equally convenient to all European Planters; and it is evident that they appreciate the fact that in this matter, the interests of Manjarabad and Kadúr are not identical, — the opinion of the Manjarabad Planters, enclosed, showing how strongly they object to being transferred

to

Chichunglúr.

If Chichunglúr is made the Head Quarters of a District under a single Officer, the Manjarabad Planters and Ryots will suffer, and vice versa - and I do not think that the advantages to the European Planters, of being placed under a European Deputy Commissioner would compensate for their inconveniences to many of them, as well as the infinitely more numerous Native population of the absorbed District.

If two European Officers were retained, would not be absolutely necessary as represented by the Association, that both should be of the rank of Deputy Commissioner, and assuming that it would, on Economical grounds, be advisable to absorb the Kadúr District, could be most conveniently done in the manner advocated by the Deputy Commr. Hassan.

On the other hand, should the members of Association, resident in Kadúr, Consider the presence of a Deputy Commissioner, assisted by a full Establishment is indispensable, I cannot see that any special reasons have been shewn why that District should be selected for a European Officer, in preference Hassan

The Deputy Commissioner of Hassan alludes to a desire on the part

of

of some of the European Planters to be appointed Honorary Magistrates, but it is evident that the subject has been very imperfectly considered, and while I believe the measure to be quite unnecessary, I doubt whether the Planters would be prepared to act, as is the procedure in Wynaad, weekly, as a Bench under the presidency of a Salaried Magistrate who might, in Mysore, be a native.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

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The Commissioner

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Submitting opinions regarding the formation of a separate Distt: comprising the Coffee growing Taluks.

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